REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication: touch-012a-050.jpg

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Not Applicable

Summary of reasons for classification:

The publication entitled *touch-012a-050.jpg* is classified as: Objectionable.

The publication is a computer image file that promotes and supports the exploitation of children and young persons for sexual purposes and is therefore deemed objectionable. The image depicts a naked girl posed in a sexually contrived manner that is likely to be arousing for persons with a prurient or sexual interest in young persons.

The Classification Office has considered the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 on the application of the classification criteria. The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 are deemed to be objectionable. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the exploitation of children and young persons for sexual purposes.